Cooperation

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# THE DIVINE LAW OF CO-OPERATION.

Romans 8:28 To them that love God all things work together for good.

Ten years ago yesterday and today the world war began. The government will celebrate by observing a National Defense Day.
How ought the churches observe the day?

The annual expenditure for armaments today has been estimated at 2,900,000,000. The only international organization working for peace is the League of Nations which iscosting $4,500,000 annually.

The only opposition to the War System that can make effective real peace is that which substitutes reason, justice and good-will forthe use of force.

Our fallacious idea concerning savagery.
Commonly thot that man was firwt savage, then barbaric, and finally civilized.
At first men lived by preying on their neighbors, fighting, stealing and murdering.
Then someone stumbled upon a great idea which turned him from robbing and killing to tilling mother earth. He and hisfamily grew rich and other savages began doing the same thing. The tribe prospered by working together to till the earth.
Other tribes came and conquered that tribe but they took away more than plunder and women- they took away the idea of working together to till the soil.
Civilization was born in this idea- that of working together for the common good-Co-operation.
Co-operation is the law of human life by which man is lifted above the animal life.

Cooperation with nature - or Lack cooperation with nature

History is the record of how the truth of Co-operation hasfought the falsehood of strife and competition all down the ages. And Co-operation always wins in the end because competition defeats itself sooner or later.
The only good ever gotten out of any war was was the driving of men into closer unity.

Take Germany, for example. It is said that the the wars of '64, '66, and '70 made Germany.

But what those wars did was to unite Germany, causing her people to work together for their common good. And out of that Co-operation Germany's power sprang.

Then with her wonderful power built up by Co-operation Germany started in to conquer the world by force, and Germany would have done so had not the rest of the world united for common defenxe, resorting to Co-operation for for defense.

Just as the idea of co-operation has lifted man from savagery to civilization, so the idea of savage competition, of stealing and warring and robbing causes man to revert to savagery.

Bismark, the statesman and Darwin, the naturalist gave Germany the idea of conquering the world.

Bismark was a great intellectual genius, but his soul was that of a cannibal. To him all men were animals, the laws of human life were the laws of animal life-states were organized herds and God was blood and iron.

Bismark gave Germany thru her leaders the idea of Deutchland uber alles.

Darwin's Origin of Species has had more influence upon the thot of the world than any other except the Bible.

It opened out a new world. It took men's eyes from out the fromt of their heads and put them in the back of their heads. The whole world began to progress by looking where it was coming from instead of where it was going to.

Darwin's searchlight laid bare the long trail of strife and struggle down which the animal world had made its progress, and then men began to explain the rise of humanity in the same terms of struggle and strife Monkey law began to reigh supreme in business and politi politics. The law of Nature was explained as the law of competition and struggle— the survival of the fittest

The chicken was explained in terms of the egg and the oak tree in terms of the acorn. All of which to a thinking person today is obviously nonesense. The parts of your automobile do not explain your auto, nor the material contained in this building explain this church.

You can never get to Revelation by sticking to Genesis Nor is Genesis the explanation of Revelation but rather Revelation is the explanation of Genesis.

Wel then, Bismark and Darwin turned co-oerating Germany from Xn civilization to scientific savagery and then came the great World War, began.

Nor has the Great World War teught the nations as yet that Co-operation is the law of civilization for for among them there is still great hatred, confusion, excessive armament and preprations for war.

The great nations of the world still carry on as chickens do in a hennery. One hen catches a big whopper of a worm, another sees it and rushes in hot pursuit: half the worm is lost and the two hens scrap over the other half, each getting some of it. Whereas had the second hen only spent her time scratching the ground instead of fighting to take the worm away from her sister, she would have had a whole big worm for herself and the first hen would have eaten her her worm in peace.

Now for our text-"All things work together for good to them that love God."

The word Love a much abused one. The average man does'nt know what you are talking about when you say that God is love. It may mean anything from lust to loyalty Even the word God is may mean anything or nothing . But when I explain God and divine love by declaring that the supreme power in the world is co-operation it becomes an intelligible statement which the average thinking man can grasp.

Even Xns who talk about divine love dont understand its meaning. Protestants hate Catholics and Catholics hate Protestants: members of one denomination will have nothing to do with those who belong to other denomination but they all claim to have divine love! Impossible.

Working together for good is the test of our love to God and man. It is the only life principle worth while, both for individuals and for nations.

My vacation impressions- all nature works together. San Francisco, a great city, built by working tohether

the Solar system

And so the Kingdom of God must be built by our working together.

Mercury — 36 million mi. from Sun 88 da. rev. around Sun
Venus 67 " " " " 224.7 da. " " "
Earth 93 " " " " 365.26 da. " " "
Mars 141 " " " " 687 da. " " "
Jupiter 483 " " " " 12 yrs " " "
Saturn 886 " " " " 29.5 yrs " " "
Uranus Anderson 1782 84 yrs " " "
Neptune " 2792 165 yrs. " " "

Mercury velocity — 29.5 mi per second
Earth 18.4
Neptune 3.4 " " "